

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Objections

The Examiner has stated:

Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: In Claim 4, line 3, the recitation "said tube are" should read--aid tube is--. Appropriate correction is required.

Such correction has been made.

Applicant believes this is permitted by 37 CFR 41.33(a) but is somewhat confused since 37 CFR 1.116 does not seem to refer to the date a brief is filed. At the time this appeal was filed, the present restrictions on filing amendments, furthermore, did not exist.

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Respectfully,

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